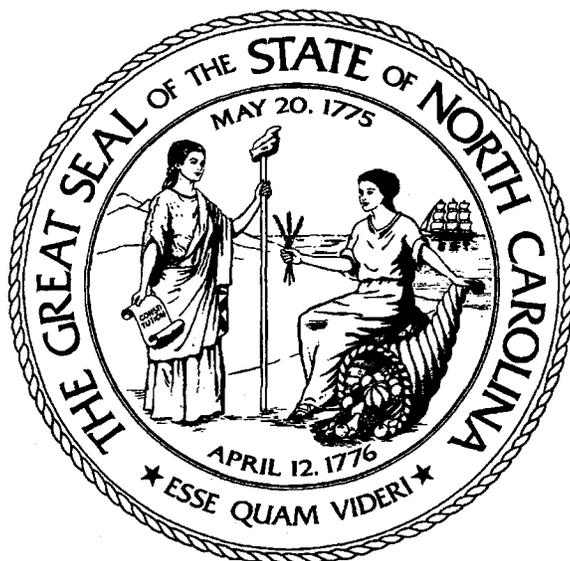


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1997 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the 1999 General Assembly

**FROM:** Terrence D. Sullivan

**RE:** Actions by the 1997 General Assembly on Bills Recommended by the Legislative Research Commission

This publication sets before you the actions of the 1997 General Assembly with respect to the legislative recommendations from the Legislative Research Commission's committees.

In brief, 100% of the bills recommended by the 1995-96 LRC's committees were introduced in the 1997 General Assembly. Of the introduced legislation, 52.5% were ratified in some form.

The LRC proposals, initiated as a result of the first year's work of the 1997-98 LRC study committees and introduced in the 1998 "Short Session", had a success rate of 42.5%. Thus, the success rate for all LRC bills introduced during the 1997 General Assembly from the 1995-96 LRC biennium and the first year of the 1997-98 LRC biennium totaled 47.5%.

This compares to a success rate, during the 1997 General Assembly of 36.4%, for public bills, generally. Local legislation is not reckoned in these figures in that local bills usually receive little opposition and the Legislative Research Commission usually does not concern itself with those purely local matters.

The comparable figures for the 1995 General Assembly are a 58.5% success rate for introduced LRC initiatives against a 35.5% success rate for public bills generally.

Ms. Sara Kamprath of this Division was instrumental in compiling the statistics and producing this document. If you have any questions, I will be happy to respond.



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## INTRODUCTION

The North Carolina Legislative Research Commission, as an interim study organization of the General Assembly, studies issues as directed by the preceding legislative session or the Commission Chairmen. These studies are done by assigned interim study committees. Study committees may find that legislation is necessary to address the needs found. These committees endorse various draft bills; the complete text of these bills may be found in the individual interim study committee reports. The purpose of this report is to indicate the results of the legislative recommendations of the committees which were to report to the 1997 General Assembly.

In the "Activity Summaries by Study" section, legislative recommendations are grouped by committee. The recommendations are further divided into those bills which were not introduced and those which were introduced. Bills introduced and ratified are designated by **bold faced type**. Bills which were introduced and not ratified carry no special type of designation.

While the text of each introduced bill is the same as the text of each study committee recommendation, the text of the ratified bill may differ from the study committee recommendation. When companion bills were introduced in both houses based on single study committee recommendations, the companion bills are counted as one bill for statistical purposes. If one bill was ratified and one was not, this counts as one ratification; similarly, if neither bill was ratified, this counts as one unratified bill.

In the "Statistics" section of this report the numbers of bills recommended; recommended but not introduced; recommended and introduced; ratified; and not ratified are listed by study committee, then totaled. The 1995-96 Legislative Research Commission study committees recommended 40 bills to the 1997 Session. Of the 40 bills recommended, 100% (40 of 40) of the bills were actually introduced. Of the introduced bills, 52.5% (21 of 40) were ratified in some form.

Also, the 1997-98 LRC Committees could make recommendations in their interim reports to the 1998 Session and 40 bills were introduced from these Committees. Of these 40 bills, 17 bills were ratified giving a success rate of 42.5%. When we look at all the LRC bills, from both the 1995-96 and 1997-98 Committees, we see that a total of 80 bills were introduced. The success rate for all LRC bills introduced during the 1997 General Assembly was 47.5% as compared to a success rate of 36.4% for public bills.<sup>1</sup>

In comparison with the 1997 General Assembly, the success rate for all LRC bills introduced during the 1995 General Assembly was 58.5%. A total of 142 bills were introduced from both the 1993-94 and 1995-96 study committees and 83 were ratified. The success rate for public bills introduced during the 1995 General Assembly was 35.5%.

1. The 47.5% ratification rate for bills introduced by study committees is higher than the 36.4% ratification rate of public bills. During the 1997 and 1998 legislative sessions, a total of 3,370 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, not including simple resolutions. The success rate for public bills is obtained by first finding the total number of public bills. This is done by subtracting the total number of local substantive and appropriations bills from the total number of bills and joint resolutions. During the same period, 629 public bills and resolutions were actually ratified. To the number of ratified public bills, we add the 75 bills, which although not ratified, were incorporated by reference in the umbrella studies. For the 1997 and 1998 legislative sessions, 1,934 public bills were introduced. Of those, 704 public bills were ratified or incorporated by reference. When 704 is divided by 1,934, the result is a success rate of 36.4%.

**STATISTICS FOR 1995-96 LRC COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE 1997 SESSION**

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact Withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consumer Protection	2	0	2	1	1
Criminal Laws, Procedures and Sentencing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Downtown Revitalization	9	0	9	2	7
Education Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Election Laws Reform	5	0	5	0	5
Employment Security	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Energy Conservation	1	0	1	0	1
Executive Budget Act Revision	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Financial Institutions Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grandparent Visitation	1	0	1	0	1
Guardian Ad Litem Program	1	0	1	1	0
Insurance Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lien Laws	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Personnel Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Property Issues	3	0	3	1	2
Reorganization of DEHNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Revenue Laws	17	0	17	16	1
State Government Reorganization and Privatization	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
State Purchasing and Correction Enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water Issues	1	0	1	0	1
Workers' Compensation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>					

**STATISTICS FOR 1997-98 LRC COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE 1998 SESSION**

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Adoption Registry	1	0	1	0	1
Bingo Regulation	1	0	1	0	1
Building Code Issues	1	0	1	0	1
Business Development	11	0	11	3	8
Cemetery Issues	1	0	1	0	1
Coastal Beach Movement Issues	2	0	2	0	2
Community Colleges	3	0	3	2	1
Consumer Protection	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cooperative Extension Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dedicated Sources of Revenue	3	0	3	0	3

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Division of the 30 <sup>th</sup> District Court and 30 <sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financial Institutions Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Future of the Courts	1	0	1	1	0
Guardian Ad Litem Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Information Technology	2	0	2	2	0
Insurance Issues	1	0	1	0	1
Intergovernmental Relations and Fiscal Reform	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Land Title Registration Procedures	1	0	1	0	1

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
Lien Laws	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lobbying and Conflict of Interest Issues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical Malpractice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mortgage Bankers Loans and Fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipalities Annexation and Incorporation	2	0	2	1	1
Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon Inlet Stabilization Project	1	0	1	1	0
Public Transit	7	0	7	5	2
State Construction	1	0	1	1	0

Study	Total # Bills Recommended by Committee	Bills Not Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Introduced	Bills Recommended/ Ratified	Bills Not Ratified
State Government Services Improvement	1	0	1	1	0
Storm Hazard and Wastewater Systems Permits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substance Abuse Aftercare	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Watercraft Safety	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>					

## **ACTIVITY SUMMARIES BY STUDY**

### **Adoption Registry (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO AMEND THE ADOPTION LAWS PERTAINING TO ACCESS TO ADOPTION RECORDS, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ADOPTION REGISTRY. (HB 1465 - Earle, SB 1394 - Lucas)

### **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact Withdrawal (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Bingo Regulation (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO RECODIFY EXISTING BINGO STATUTES AND TO REGULATE COMMERCIAL BINGO. (SB 1122 - Weinstein)

### **Building Code Issues (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD TO REQUIRE CODE-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (HB 1260 - Ives; Ratified - S.L. 1998-172)**

(Although this bill was ratified during the 1998 Session, it will not count in the statistics as a ratified bill because the LRC Committee recommendation was replaced by other legislation unrelated to the original legislation.)

### **Business Development (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO REQUIRE THE BUSINESS LICENSE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES. (HB 1350 - Shubert, SB 1240 - Hoyle)

**TO ELIMINATE THE NORTH CAROLINA INHERITANCE TAX AND TO RETAIN A STATE ESTATE TAX EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL STATE DEATH TAX CREDIT. (HB 1316/Cansler; incorporated in SB 1366, Sec. 29A.2, Ratified – S.L. 1998-212)**

TO REDUCE THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX RATE FOR 1999 FOR ALL EMPLOYERS WITH A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE RATING. (HB1351 - Fox, SB 1108 - Kerr)

TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL NOT TAX INTERNET ACCESS CHARGES, SHALL ENFORCE SALES TAXES ON INTERNET COMMERCE ONLY TO THE SAME EXTENT IT ENFORCES SALES TAX ON MAIL ORDER COMMERCE, AND SHALL IMPOSE NO NEW TAXES ON THE INTERNET OR INTERNET COMMERCE. (HB 1347 - Shubert)

TO IMPROVE THE STATE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. (HB 1355 - Brawley)

**TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS ON THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND TO REQUIRE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF CODE CHANGES ON THE AFFORDABILITY OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING. (HB 1334 - Morris, Ratified - S.L. 1998-57); SB 1272 - Hoyle**

TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES TO PUBLISH THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED RULE ON THE INTERNET. (HB 1333 - Morris)

TO ALLOW A CREDIT AGAINST THE FRANCHISE TAX FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS. (HB 1461 - Sexton)

TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF NET CAPITAL GAINS SUBJECT TO STATE INCOME TAX FOR ASSETS ACQUIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1999. (HB 1348 - Shubert)

**TO EXPAND THE WILLIAM S. LEE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT TO INCLUDE OPERATING LEASES. (HB 1315/Owens; incorporated in SB 1569, Ratified – S.L. 1998-55)**

TO PROVIDE AN OPTIONAL METHOD FOR FUNDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION. (HB 1349 - Shubert)

### **Cemetery Issues (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO REGULATIONS REGARDING CEMETERIES TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION. (HB 1314 - Allred, SB 1141- Jordan)**

### **Coastal Beach Movement Issues (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO ESTABLISH THE BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUND, TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND, TO RESERVE FIVE PERCENT OF THE UNRESERVED CREDIT BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR TO THE BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUND, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES. (HB 1322 - Redwine, SB 1265 - Ballantine)**

**TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH THE RELOCATION OF STRUCTURES THREATENED BY BEACH EROSION AND TO ACQUIRE COASTAL SHORELINE PROPERTY RENDERED UNBUILDABLE UNDER CAMA RULES BY BEACH EROSION. (HB 1408 - Watson, SB 1266 - Ballantine)**

### **Community Colleges (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO CLARIFY COMMUNITY COLLEGES' AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASE PURCHASE AND INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS FOR EQUIPMENT. (HB 1369 - Rayfield, Ratified - S.L. 1998-111); SB 1154 - Plyler**

**TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGES WITH ADDITIONAL PURCHASING FLEXIBILITY. (HB 1368 - Rayfield, Ratified - S.L. 1998 - 68); SB 1153 - Plyler**

**TO REVISE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES. (HB 1345 - Rayfield, SB 1152 - Plyler)**

### **Consumer Protection Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PYRAMID DISTRIBUTION PLANS. (HB 27 - Thompson, SB 29 - Jordan)

TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES. (HB 25/Thompson; SB 28/Jordan; incorporated in SB 32 Sec. 2.1(16), Ratified - S.L. 1997-483)

### **Consumer Protection (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Cooperative Extension Service (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Criminal Laws, Procedures, and Sentencing (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Dedicated Sources of Revenue (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO RESERVE FOUR PERCENT OF THE UNRESERVED CREDIT BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND TO RESERVE TWO PERCENT OF THE UNRESERVED CREDIT BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SELF-HELP. (HB 1390 - Allred, SB 1311 - Rand)

TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF COURT COSTS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE. (HB 1389 - Allred, SB 1156 - Weinstein)

TO DEFINE A PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFITS ACCRUAL RATE FOR MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. (SB 1165 - Ballance)

**Division of 30<sup>th</sup> District Court and 30<sup>th</sup> Prosecutorial District (1997-98)**

The Committee did not meet.

**Domestic Violence (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

**Downtown Revitalization (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EXPENDITURES TO REHABILITATE HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS THAT WERE BUILT BEFORE 1936. (HB 44 - Davis, SB 817 - Shaw, L.)

TO CREATE A DOWNTOWN LOAN GUARANTEE FUND THAT WILL GUARANTEE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE LOANS MADE BY PARTICIPATING LENDING INSTITUTIONS FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT. (HB 41 - Davis, SB 818 - Shaw, L.)

TO RECAPITALIZE THE MAIN STREET FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FUND. (HB 43 - Davis, SB 803 - Wellons)

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL RECRUITMENT. (HB 48 -Davis, SB 819 - Shaw, L.)

TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THE INSPECTION AND REVIEW OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND HISTORIC STRUCTURES. (HB 49 - Davis, SB 822- Shaw, L.)

**TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING CODE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. (HB 47/Davis, SB 820/Shaw, L.; incorporated in SB 32, Sec. 2.1(2), Ratified - S.L. 1997-483)**

TO ADD A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL. (HB 45 - Davis, SB 824 - Shaw, L.)

TO DIRECT THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO EXAMINE THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN DOWNTOWN AREAS. (HB 46 - Davis, SB 821 - Shaw, L.)

**TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY DOWNTOWN AREAS. (HB 50/Davis, SB 823/Shaw, L.; incorporated in SB 32, Sec. 2.1(2), Ratified - S.L. 1997-483)**

#### **Education Issues (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

#### **Election Laws Reform (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO REMOVE THE EXTRA CONTRIBUTION LIMIT PERIOD FOR THE SECOND PRIMARY FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT ON THE BALLOT IN A SECOND PRIMARY. (HB 24 - Cansler)

TO ESTABLISH A NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN STANDARDS CODE TO BE ENFORCED BY A CAMPAIGN STANDARDS COMMISSION. (HB 23 - Cansler)

TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO HANDLE REDISTRICTING MATTERS. (HB 52 - Weatherly)

TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING BALLOT ACCESS FOR POLITICAL PARTIES. (HB 79 - Rayfield, SB 573 - Gulley, W.)

TO ADD TO THE MODES OF ELECTION THAT MAY BE CHOSEN LOCALLY FOR CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS THE FOLLOWING: CUMULATIVE VOTING AND PREFERENCE VOTING. (SB 572 - Gulley, W.)

#### **Employment Security Law (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Energy Conservation (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. (HB 117 - Buchanan)**

### **Executive Budget Act Revision (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Financial Institutions Issues (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Financial Institutions Issues (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Future of the Courts (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO IMPROVE THE STATE COURT SYSTEM BY IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE AND THE COURTS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE COURTS. (HB 1321/Daughtry, SB 1179/Balance; incorporated in SB 1260, Sec. 25, Ratified – S.L. 1998-202)**

### **Grandparent Visitation Rights (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPANSION OF RIGHTS UNDER EXISTING LAW PERTAINING TO GRANDPARENT VISITATION. (HB 82 - Culpepper, SB 44 - Lucas)**

### **Guardian Ad Litem (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM. (HJR 107/Hiatt, SJR 24/Ballance; incorporated in SB 32, Sec. 2.1(8) Ratified - S.L. 1997-483)**

### **Guardian Ad Litem (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Information Technology (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO FACILITATE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE WITH AND BY PUBLIC ENTITIES OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BY RECOGNIZING THE VALIDITY OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND BY AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REGULATE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND CERTIFICATION AUTHORITIES. (HB 1356 - Reynolds, Ratified - S.L. 1998-127); SB 1170 - Reeves**

**TO PROVIDE FOR "BEST VALUE" INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENTS. (HB 1357 - Reynolds, Ratified - S.L. 1998-189); SB 1188 - Martin, W.)**

### **Insurance And Insurance-Related Issues (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Insurance Issues (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO RE-ENACT THE 1986 LAW PROVIDING FOR RISK-SHARING PLANS, TO AMEND THE IMMUNITY STATUTES FOR THE FAIR AND BEACH PLANS, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT IN THE BEACH PLAN LAWS. (SB 1114-Soles)**

### **Intergovernmental Relations and Fiscal Reform (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Land Title Registration (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE THE TORRENS LAND TITLE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES OF THE STATE. (HB 1354 - Brawley, SB 1130 - Allran)

### **Lien Laws Study Committee (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

### **Lien Law Issues (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Lobbying and Conflict of Interest Issues (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Medical Malpractice (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

### **Mortgage Bankers Loans and Fees (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

**Municipalities Annexation and Incorporation (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO REVISE THE MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION LAWS AND TO CHANGE THE CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION. (HB 1361 - Starnes, Ratified - S.L. 1998 -150); SB 1198 - Purcell**

TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PUBLICIZE THE REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE IN THE YEARS WHEN THERE IS A GENERAL REEVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY, AND TO NOTIFY PERSONS SUBJECT TO ANNEXATION OF THE PROJECTED CHANGE TO THEIR PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY. (HB 1285 - Starnes, SB 1142 - Ledbetter)

**Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

**Oregon Inlet Stabilization Project (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE OREGON INLET. (HB 1423/Bowie, SB 1247/Lee; incorporated in SB 1366, Sec. 15.5A, Ratified – S.L. 1998-212)**

**Personnel Issues (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

**Property Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

TO CHANGE THE ANNEXATION LAWS. (HB 94 - Ellis, SB 63 - Hartsell)

TO REQUIRE ALL MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO A NEWLY ANNEXED AREA ON THE DATE OF ANNEXATION. (HB 92 Ellis, SB 62 - Hartsell)

**TO REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM A MUNICIPALITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL PLANNING AND ZONING JURISDICTION ON THE PLANNING AGENCY. (HB 93/Ellis, SB 61/Hartsell; incorporated in SB 32, Sec. 2.1(12), Ratified - S.L. 1997-483)**

**Public Transit (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO AUTHORIZE TAX OFFICIALS TO SHARE TAX INFORMATION TO FACILITATE COLLECTION OF VEHICLE RENTAL TAXES. (HB 1489 - Neely, Ratified - S.L. 1998-139); SB 1292 - Reeves**

**TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PUBLIC ENTITIES TO PROTECT RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT. (HB 1463 - McMahan, SB 1290 - Gulley, W.)**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CREATE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS AND PROTECT THEM FROM DEVELOPMENT. (SB 1291 - Gulley, W., Ratified - S.L. 1998-184); HB 1464 - McMahan**

**TO AUTHORIZE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES TO USE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE FINANCING. (SB 1289 - Gulley, W., Ratified - S.L. 1998-70); HB 1481 - Wilson, C.**

**TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT BY COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL PROCEDURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPARATUS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT BY A REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. (SB 1280 - Hartsell, Ratified - S.L. 1998-185); HB 1493 - Miner**

**TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND RAIL DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (Incorporated in SB 1366, Sec. 27.10, Ratified - S.L. 1998-212)**

**TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT DOT REIMBURSE THE GENERAL FUND FOR SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE THAT IS NOT REALIZED BY THE FUND AS A RESULT OF THE DOT EXEMPTION FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX. (HB 1702 - Wilson, C.)**

**Reorganization of the Department of Environment, Health and  
Natural Resources (DEHNR) (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

**Revenue Laws (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO REQUIRE WITHHOLDING FROM CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO NONRESIDENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT NONRESIDENTS FROM AVOIDING NORTH CAROLINA INCOME TAXES. (HB 57 - Neely, Ratified - S.L. 1997-109)**

**TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE USED IN DEFINING AND DETERMINING CERTAIN STATE TAX PROVISIONS. (HB 59 - Neely, Ratified - S.L. 1997-55)**

**TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL TAX TREATMENT OF INCOME RESTORED UNDER A CLAIM OR RIGHT. (HB 15 - Cansler, Ratified - S.L. 1997-213)**

**TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC ANNUAL INCOME TAX REDUCTIONS AND TAX SIMPLICITY BY INDEXING THE STATE'S PERSONAL EXEMPTION AMOUNTS TO THE FEDERAL PERSONAL EXEMPTION AMOUNTS. (HB 148 - Shubert)**

**TO REVISE THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT. (SB 39 - Shaw, L., Ratified - S.L. 1997-490)**

**TO ENHANCE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING TAX LAWS BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF AUDITORS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN THE INTERSTATE AUDIT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONNEL WHO ADMINISTER THE INSURANCE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX SHALL CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED FROM THE INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE. (HB 106/Neely, SB 97/Kerr; incorporated in SB 352, by reference from page B16 of the Conference Report; Ratified - S.L. 1997-443)**

**TO ALLOW SALES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SEIZED FOR UNPAID TAXES TO BE HELD IN ANY COUNTY. (SB 106 - Cooper, Ratified - S.L. 1997-121)**

**TO RELIEVE CONSUMERS OF THE REQUIREMENT OF FILING MONTHLY USE TAX RETURNS. (HB 36 - Capps, Ratified - S.L. 1997-77)**

**TO MODIFY THE SALES TAX DEFINITION OF CUSTOM COMPUTER SOFTWARE. (HB 14 - Cansler, Ratified - S.L. 1997-370)**

**TO EXTEND THE TIME ALLOWED GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES FOR CLAIMING SALES TAX REFUNDS. (HB 35 - Capps, Ratified- S.L. 1997-423)**

**TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM TAX ON PIPED NATURAL GAS BY CONVERTING THE SALES TAX AND GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON PIPED NATURAL GAS INTO A TAX BASED ON VOLUME OF DEKATHERMS. (SB 36/Kerr; incorporated in SB 1327, Ratified - S.L. 1998-22)**

**TO ADJUST THE SHARE THE CITIES RECEIVE FROM THE STATE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO MAKE THE DISTRIBUTION MORE EQUITABLE. (SB 34 - Cochrane, Ratified - S.L. 1997-118)**

**TO SIMPLIFY AND REDUCE INHERITANCE TAXES. (HB 13/Cansler; incorporated in SB 1366, Sec. 29A.2, Ratified - S.L. 1998-212)**

**TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT FOR 911 SURCHARGES IN THEIR ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. (HB 149 - Shubert, Ratified - S.L. 1997-8)**

**TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MOTOR FUEL TAX LAWS. (SB 98 - Kerr, Ratified - S.L. 1997-60)**

**TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS AND RELATED STATUTES. (SB 33 - Cochrane, Ratified - S.L. 1997-6)**

**TO CREATE A STATUTORY REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE. (HB 58/Neely; SB 35/Kerr; incorporated in SB 32, Sec. 14.1, Ratified - S.L. 1997-483)**

#### **State Construction (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CERTIFY THE BROAD FEASIBILITY OF STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND MAKE THAT CERTIFICATION A PREREQUISITE TO FUNDING. (SB 1093 - Plyler, Ratified - S.L. 1998-45) HB 1253 - Ives**

**State Government Reorganization And Privatization (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

**State Government Services Improvement (1997-98)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**ESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT COMPETITION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE STATE GOVERNMENT COMPETITION INITIATIVE. (HB 1269/Baker; incorporated in SB 1366, Sec. 15.2C, Ratified – S.L. 1998-212)**

**State Purchasing and Correction Enterprises (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.

**Storm Hazard and Wastewater Systems Permits (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

**Substance Abuse Aftercare (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

**Water Issues (1995-96)**

Bills recommended and introduced

**TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF WATER ISSUES. (HB 40 - Allred)**

**Watercraft Safety (1997-98)**

The Committee did not report to the 1998 Short Session.

## **Workers' Compensation (1995-96)**

The Committee did not report to the 1997 General Assembly.